AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0014] beginning at page 7, line 26, as follows:

Also, the distance between the variable impedance element and the distal end of the signal terminal or the ground terminal, as one of the terminals provided with the variable impedance element, may be <u>equal to or less than 1/10 or less of</u> the measuring wavelength when the electrical characteristics of the measurement object are measured. The effect of the wavelength on the electrical characteristics to be measured can thereby be minimized.

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